

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12-14 and 16-23 are currently pending. Specifically, the recitations of claim 4 have been added to claim 1 and the recitations of claim 11 have been added to independent claim 8. Claims 5 and 12 have been placed in independent form. New claims 16-19 and 20-23 are based on claims 2, 3, 6 and 7, and claims 9, 10, 13 and 14, respectively, but are dependent on claims 15 and 12, respectively. The Office Action indicates that claims 4, 5, 11 and 12 contain allowable subject matter. To expedite prosecution, this indication of allowable subject matter has been accepted and the claims amended without prejudice or disclaimer to the original subject matter thereof.

Insofar as all of the pending claims currently contain subject matter indicated to be allowable, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is ready for allowance and respectfully request notice to this effect.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

BUCHANAN INGERSOLL & ROONEY PC

Date: December 11, 2006

By: 

Charles F. Wieland III
Registration No. 33096

P.O. Box 1404
Alexandria, VA 22313-1404
703 836 6620